

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph on Page 1, Lines 1-9, of the Specification as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/325,687, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING TRAFFIC IN A VIRTUAL TUNNEL OF A TRANSMISSION LINE" filed June 3, 1999 **(abandoned)**.

This application is related to copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/325,497, entitled "TRANSMISSION SLOT ALLOCATION METHOD AND MAP FOR VIRTUAL TUNNELS IN A TRANSMISSION LINE" filed June 3, 1999.